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Beaverton Police Make Three Arrests and Recover 20 Thousand Dollars of Property

On Sunday, January 26, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. a Beaverton Police Sergeant spotted a vehicle that had been involved in a theft of merchandise at Best Buy on SW Cascade Ave. Information had been relayed to Beaverton Detectives from Nordstrom loss prevention about an out of state counterfeit credit card crew targeting Best Buy and other Beaverton businesses. This information included the license plate of the suspect vehicle and descriptions of the suspects.

The vehicle was stopped near Washington Square and subsequently three subjects were arrested. They were identified as Montral Demond Matthews 27 years of age from California, Melissa Vongphakdy 22 years of age from California and Linda Vongphakdy 24 years of age from California.

A search of the vehicle and the hotel room that the suspects had been staying at led investigators to the seizure of approximately \$20,000.00 in property, \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 in gift cards, \$1,500.00 cash and over 100 counterfeit credit cards.

The suspects started their journey by driving up to Oregon from California on Sunday, January 26, 2014; targeting Best Buy stores, Toys R US store, Apple Stores, and Nordstrom stores using counterfeit credit cards. They hit stores in Springfield, Salem, Tualatin, Tigard, and Beaverton before being apprehended. The suspects were buying Ipads, Ipad minis, Iphone 5's, gift cards, money orders, and high end clothing (Burberry, Nordstrom, UGG, Louis Vuitton, True Religion, Lacoste, Polo)

BPD Patrol, BPD Detectives, Tigard PD Commercial Crimes Unit, and Nordstrom Loss Prevention played a large role in making this a successful investigation. All three suspects were lodged at the Washington County Jail on Aggravated ID Theft, Aggravated Theft I, Organized Retail Crime, and other related crimes. The suspects' bail has been set at \$25,000.

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